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Applicant(s): DE FERRA, Lorenzo and MASSARDO, Pietro

**Serial No.:** 09/982,468      **Group Art Unit:** 1626

Filed: October 18, 2001 Examiner: J. MURRAY

**For:** PURIFYING PROCESS FOR PHOSPHATIDYL SERINE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

After the issue of a notice of allowance, prosecution of the above-referenced application was re-opened through the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, in order to bring newly-discovered references to the attention of the Examiner.

**Prior to the resumption of examination, please amend the application as follows:**

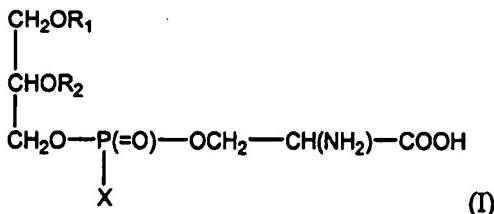
#### *In the claims:*

*Amend claim 2 to read as follows:*

2. (amended) Process according to claim 1, in which said hydrocarbon solvent is selected from the group consisting of toluene, xylene, n-heptane, n-hexane and cyclohexane.

*Add the following new claims:*

17. A purifying process for phosphatidylserine having formula (I)



where R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>, identical or different, are C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>30</sub> acyl groups; X is OH or OM, where M is

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